

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A carbon dioxide external administration device comprising:

a sealing enclosure member capable of sealing a body surface from [[the]] outside air;

the sealing enclosure member being capable of holding carbon dioxide gas within a sealed inside space;

a supply means for supplying carbon dioxide gas into [[the]] an inside space of the sealing enclosure member; and

an absorption aid that is provided in the inside space of the sealing enclosure member, ~~contains~~ containing a carbon dioxide-dissolving medium which comprises calcium alginate hydrogel for dissolving carbon dioxide gas, and dissolves carbon dioxide gas to assist transdermal or transmucosal absorption of the carbon dioxide;

wherein the absorption aid contains at least one carbon dioxide-dissolving medium selected from the group consisting of (a) alcohols having a high vaporization temperature, (b) oils and fats, and (c) waxes.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The carbon dioxide external administration device according to claim 1, characterized by having a carbon dioxide amount indicator that expands upon carbon dioxide being supplied into the sealing enclosure member, and contracts by [[the]] a decrease of carbon dioxide, wherein the carbon dioxide amount indicator is provided separately from the sealing enclosure member.

3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Currently Amended)** The carbon dioxide external administration device according to claim 1, characterized in that the carbon dioxide absorption aid is a sheet-type product.

5. **(Cancelled)**

6. **(Previously Presented)** The carbon dioxide external administration device according to claim 1, characterized in that the sealing enclosure member is made from any one of the following materials (1) – (3)

- (1) a non-elastic and hard material,
- (2) a flexible material having a shape holding ability, and
- (3) an elastic and flexible material.

7. – 12. **(Cancelled)**